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NIGHT LEAD HARRIMAN

BY JOHN KOEHLER

BONN, GERMANY, MARCH 7 (AP)—DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAID TONIGHT W. AVERELL HARRIMAN HAS ASSURED WEST GERMANY THAT NUCLEAR WEAPONS WILL CONTINUE TO BE WITHIN REACH OF FRONTLINE TROOPS IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION (NATO).

THE SOURCES SAID THE U.S. ROVING AMBASSADOR ALSO INFORMED BONN OFFICIALS THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY HAS REJECTED FRENCH PRESIDENT CHARLES DE GAULLE'S PROPOSAL FOR A NATO DIRECTORATE COMPOSED OF FRANCE, BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

HARRIMAN IS MAKING A SWING THROUGH WESTERN EUROPE TO EXPLAIN THE NEW AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION'S FOREIGN POLICY.

IN HIS TALKS HERE, HARRIMAN WAS REPORTED TO HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED THE WEST GERMAN VIEW THAT NATO FRONTLINE TROOPS MUST HAVE THE MOST MODERN WEAPONS AVAILABLE.

THE INFORMANTS SAID THE AMBASSADOR ALSO AGREED WITH DEFENSE MINISTER FRANZ JOSEF STRAUSS THAT NATO'S POWER MUST BE INCREASED BOTH POLITICALLY AND MILITARILY.

HARRIMAN TOLD CHANCELLOR KONRAD ADENAUER YESTERDAY THAT THE UNITED STATES STILL FEELS NATO SHOULD HAVE ITS OWN ATOMIC WEAPONS. THE SOURCES SAID. THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE HAS TAKEN NO ACTION ON THE U.S. PROPOSAL.

THERE HAD BEEN UNEASINESS IN BONN AFTER REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON SAID THE UNITED STATES PLANNED TO RESTRICT SHARPLY THE ROLE OF NUCLEAR ARMS AS A POSSIBLE COMBAT WEAPON.

THE REPORTS, LATER DENIED BY THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION, SAID THE UNITED STATES FELT ATTACKS ON EUROPE SHOULD BE MET WITH CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS UNLESS THE ENEMY USED NUCLEAR WEAPONS FIRST.

THE WEST GERMAN POSITION IS SAID TO BE THAT NOT HAVING NUCLEAR WEAPONS WITHIN THE REACH OF FRONTLINE TROOPS WOULD INVITE NUCLEAR ATTACKS AND ASSIGN TO THE WEST GERMAN FORCES A SUICIDAL ROLE.

IN A PARIS MEETING WITH DE GAULLE LAST WEEK, HARRIMAN REPORTEDLY SAID ONE BASIC U.S. OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED DIRECTORATE IS THAT AMERICA WANTS TO CONTINUE GOOD RELATIONS WITH ALL OF ITS ALLIES AND NOT JUST WITH THE POWERFUL COUNTRIES.

DE GAULLE'S INSISTENCE ON THE DIRECTORATE IS BELIEVED ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THE REPORTED COOLING OF RELATIONS BETWEEN ADENAUER AND DE GAULLE.

HARRIMAN ALSO WAS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE INDICATED TO BOTH DE GAULLE AND ADENAUER THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE WILLING TO APPLY PRESSURE TO STIFLE FRENCH AMBITIONS IN JOINING AMERICA AND BRITAIN AS THE WESTERN NUCLEAR CLUB.

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AIRLIFT-SEALIFT INTERPRETIVE 3024

BY BEN PRICE

WASHINGTON, MARCH 7 (AP)—THE ABILITY OF THE UNITED STATES TO INTERVENE QUICKLY AND EFFECTIVELY IN BRUSHFIRE WAR APPEARS TO BE IN SERIOUS DOUBT BECAUSE OF AIRLIFT AND SEALIFT SHORTAGES.

THIS HARSH FACT CAME TO LIGHT LAST NIGHT AFTER A PENTAGON SOURCE DISCLOSED THE CONTENTS OF THE LIMITED WAR REQUIREMENTS STUDY COMPLETED

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EARLIER THIS YEAR JUST PRIOR TO THE INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. IN HIS STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE ON JAN. 30, KENNEDY SAID HE HAD DIRECTED PROMPT ACTION TO INCREASE U. S. AIRLIFT CAPACITY.

CHECKING THE REQUIREMENTS STUDY WITH OTHER PENTAGON SOURCES, THESE FIGURES EMERGED:

--THE AIR FORCE HAS FEWER THAN HALF THE PLANES NEEDED TO FLY A FULL DIVISION OF 17,000 MEN TO A COMBAT AREA AND SUSTAIN IT IN ACTION THERE FOR 30 DAYS.

--THE NAVY HAS BARELY ENOUGH TROOP SHIPS OPERATING IN THE ATLANTIC TO SEALIFT HALF A MARINE DIVISION.

--IF HARD PRESSED IN THE PACIFIC, HOWEVER, THE NAVY COULD MUSTER ENOUGH TRANSPORTS TO MOVE ONE REINFORCED MARINE DIVISION--20,000 MEN.

IN BRIEF, THOUGH THE UNITED STATES HAS SEVEN COMBAT-READY DIVISIONS--FOUR ARMY AND THREE MARINE--IT DOES NOT HAVE THE ABILITY NOW TO PUT THEM INTO THE FIELD SWIFTLY.

TO MAKE UP ITS DEFICIT IN AIRLIFT AND SEALIFT, THE PRESIDENT WOULD HAVE TO COMMANDEER SOME U. S. COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT AND SHIPS IN A FAST-DEVELOPING EMERGENCY.

AN ALTERNATIVE INsofar AS SHIPPING IS CONCERNED WOULD BE TO DIP INTO THE WORLD WAR II MOTHBALL FLEET, BUT THIS WOULD REQUIRE TIME. FURTHERMORE, THE NAVY WOULD HAVE TO USE RESERVISTS TO MAN THESE SHIPS.

THE LIMITED WAR STUDY WAS PREDICATED ON A HYPOTHETICAL REQUIREMENT: WHAT WOULD IT TAKE TO PUT AN AIRBORNE DIVISION AND AN INFANTRY DIVISION IN THE FIELD AND SUSTAIN BOTH IN COMBAT FOR 60 DAYS?

UNDER THE PLAN THE AIRBORNE DIVISION WOULD BE LIFTED WITH A BASIC 30-DAY SUPPLY AND WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY SEA BY THE INFANTRY DIVISION.

WHILE LIGHTLY ARMED AIRBORNE TROOPS MAY BE MOVED WITH RELATIVE SWIFTNESS, REINFORCEMENTS WITH HEAVY EQUIPMENT SUCH AS TANKS AND BULLDOZERS MUST COME BY SEA.

TO MEET THIS TWO DIVISION REQUIREMENT AND THAT OF THEIR SUPPORT TROOPS--80,000 MEN IN ALL--THE PENTAGON STUDY ESTIMATED SLIGHTLY MORE THAN 1,000 TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT WOULD BE NECESSARY PLUS 26 TROOP TRANSPORTS AND ASSORTED SUPPORT VESSELS.

THE UNITED STATES NOW HAS ABOUT 450 TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE FOR STRATEGIC AIRLIFT WHILE THE NAVY HAS ONLY 11 TROOP TRANSPORTS ON ACTIVE SEA ROUTES.

WHILE THE SHORTAGE OF AIRCRAFT HAS BEEN FAIRLY WELL PUBLICIZED, ALMOST NOTHING HAS BEEN KNOWN OF THE NAVY'S PLIGHT.

THE STARK PICTURE OF THE NAVY SITUATION BEGAN TO UNFOLD SHORTLY AFTER THE STATE DEPARTMENT DISCLOSED YESTERDAY THAT A NAVY TASK FORCE ON A GOOD WILL MISSION TO SOUTH AFRICA HAD BEEN ORDERED TO STAND OFF THE CONGO COASTLINE.

THE TASK FORCE, CARRYING 500 MARINES, WAS DIRECTED TO PROCEED TOWARD THE CONGOLESE PORT OF MATADI WHICH WAS SEIZED BY CONGOLESE TROOPS SUNDAY AFTER A SHARP BATTLE WITH UNITED NATIONS FORCES.

WITHIN HOURS AFTER THE STATE DEPARTMENT DISCLOSURE ADM. ROBERT L. DENNISON, ATLANTIC FLEET COMMANDER, SAID IN NORFOLK, VA., THAT HIS FORCE WAS INCAPABLE OF CARRYING ITS FULL MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

HIS COMMENTS APPARENTLY MEANT THAT HIS ATLANTIC FLEET WOULD HAVE A TOUGH TIME MEETING EVEN VERY LIMITED COMMITMENTS IN MORE THAN ONE AREA.

THE NAVY IS NOW REDUCED TO 115 AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE SHIPS COMPARED TO ABOUT 250 IN USE DURING THE KOREAN WAR. THIS FORCE INCLUDES 40 CARGO AND TROOP SHIPS, 3 SMALL AIRCRAFT CARRIERS CONVERTED FOR USE BY HELICOPTER, 27 LANDING SHIPS DOCK--FOR THE TRANSPORT OF SMALL LANDING CRAFT, AND 40 LANDING SHIPS TANK. SEVENTY PER CENT OF THESE ARE OF WORLD WAR II VINTAGE AND IN THE SLOW, 12 TO 15 KNOT CLASS.

THE NAVY HAS ONLY SEVEN TROOP TRANSPORTS ON REGULAR ROUTES IN THE PACIFIC, FOUR IN THE ATLANTIC.

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CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA., MARCH 7 (AP)-THE AIR FORCE SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED A MACE-B GUIDED MISSILE TODAY ON AN IMPORTANT TEST OF THE ROCKET'S INERTIAL GUIDANCE SYSTEM.
THE 44-FOOT, SWEEP-WING MISSILE FLASHED FROM A CONCRETE SHELTER, WHICH RESEMBLES A SECTION OF SUBWAY TUNNEL, AND RACED SOUTHEAST ON A 800-MILE FLIGHT.
SOME TROUBLES DEVELOPED IN THE GUIDANCE PACKAGE ON RECENT LAUNCHINGS AND TECHNICIANS HAVE BEEN WORKING TO CORRECT THEM SINCE THE LAST FIRING, ON DEC. 16.
THE GUIDANCE IS DESIGNED TO VARY THE MACE-B'S ALTITUDE AND COURSE DURING FLIGHT TO AVOID ENEMY COUNTERMEASURES. THE ROCKET TODAY OPERATED AT ALTITUDES RANGING FROM 1,000 TO 40,000 FEET.
THE SHELTER FROM WHICH THE MISSILE WAS FIRED IS SIMILAR TO THOSE THAT WILL PROTECT MACE-BS SCHEDULED TO BE STATIONED IN OKINAWA AND WEST GERMANY LATE THIS YEAR.

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EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, FLA., MARCH 7 (AP)-THE AIR FORCE TODAY ANNOUNCED THE GAM-72A QUAIL DIVERSIONARY MISSILE IS NOW OPERATIONAL WITH STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND B52 BOMBERS.
"THE 13-FOOT-LONG GUIDED AIR MISSILE ENTERED THE AIR FORCE COMBAT ARSENAL IN FEBRUARY," AN ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED AT EGLIN SAID. THE MISSILE HAS UNDERGONE A YEAR OF FINAL TESTING AT EGLIN.
SEVERAL OF THE QUAILS CAN BE CARRIED BY THE B52 STRATOFORTRESS AND LAUNCHED IN FLIGHT TO AID THE JET BOMBER IN PENETRATING THE TARGET AREA.
THE MISSILE IS DESIGNED TO CONFUSE ENEMY DEFENSE RADAR. IT PRESENTS THE SAME REFLECTION ON THE RADAR SCREEN AS A B52 AND OPERATES AT THE SAME SPEED AS THE BOMBER, ABOUT 600 MILES PER HOUR.
FIRST SAC UNIT TO BE FULLY EQUIPPED WITH THE QUAL IS THE 4135TH STRATEGIC WING, BASED AT EGLIN.

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A88WX (JFK-DISARMAMENT)

(450) NIGHT LEAD KENNEDY-DISARMAMENT
WASHINGTON, MARCH 7 (AP)-PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS REPORTED TODAY TO HAVE INDICATED HE FEELS THAT HE SHOULD NOT PRESS FOR ANY DEADLINE ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE RUSSIANS FOR AGREEMENT ON A NUCLEAR WEAPONS TEST BAN.
THAT WAS THE IMPRESSION PASSED ALONG TO NEWSMEN AFTER A WHITE HOUSE LUNCHEON KENNEDY HELD WITH HIS TOP DEFENSE, DIPLOMATIC AND SCIENTIFIC LEADERS AND A CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION.
NO DETAILS OF WHAT WENT ON WERE MADE PUBLIC OFFICIALLY, BUT SOME WHO ATTENDED SAID THE PRESIDENT WENT OVER THE GENERAL OUTLINE OF THE AMERICAN POSITION ON DISARMAMENT TO BE PRESENTED IN MORE DETAIL TO THE SENATE-HOUSE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMITTEE THURSDAY.
SOME MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE SAID THEY CAME AWAY WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT KENNEDY AND HIS CHIEF ADVISERS ARE LEANING TO THE BRITISH POSITION THAT SOMETHING LESS THAN A WHOLLY FOOLPROOF INSPECTION SYSTEM MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE IF THE RUSSIANS WILL AGREE TO A TEST BAN.
THESE MEMBERS SAID THEY WERE DISAPPOINTED BY THE SEEMING SILLINESS NOT TO INSIST ON A SPEEDY SHOWDOWN WITH THE RUSSIANS INDICATED BY JOHN J. MCCLOY, THE ADMINISTRATION'S CHIEF DISARMAMENT PLANNER, AND ARTHUR DEAN, CHIEF U.S. NEGOTIATOR IN THE TALK TO BE RESUMED MARCH 31.

MCCLOY AND DEAN WERE AMONG THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE LUNCHEON. OTHERS SUMMONED INCLUDED VICE PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON, SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ROBERT S. MCNAMARA, CHAIRMAN GLENN SEABORG OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION AND GEN. LYMAN L. LEMNITZER, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.

WITHOUT DISCLOSING ANY DETAILS OF WHAT WENT ON, SEN. CLINTO P. ANDERSON, D-N.M., A SENIOR MEMBER OF THE SENATE-HOUSE GROUP, SAID A MAJORITY OF ITS MEMBERS ARE OPPOSED TO AN INDEFINITE CONTINUATION OF THIS COUNTRY'S CURRENT VOLUNTARY SUSPENSION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTING.

ANDERSON SAID HE HAS GENERALLY SUPPORTED THE PROGRAM ADVANCED BY THE EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION OF GIVING THE RUSSIANS EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO AGREE ON A BAN ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTING WITH ADEQUATE INSPECTION, "AND IF THEY DON'T AGREE WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME, TO RESUME TESTING."

ANDERSON SAID MCCLOY AND SEABORG ARE TESTING THEIR IDEAS AGAINST THE "EXPERIENCE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE."

DURING THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE, IN WHICH KENNEDY HIMSELF LED OFF THE DISCUSSIONS, ANDERSON SAID, HE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE "EXPRESSED THEMSELVES IN A DISCUSSION OF THE VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES."

"I DON'T THINK MANY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE TRUST THE RUSSIANS," ANDERSON SAID. "A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION NEEDS TO TAKE PLACE."

WHILE THIS COUNTRY IS NOW FREE TO RESUME TESTING AT ANY TIME IT IS CONTINUING VOLUNTARILY A PREVIOUS MORATORIUM.

THIS, ANDERSON SAID, AMOUNTS TO GIVING THE RUSSIANS WHAT THEY WANT, A SUSPENSION OF TESTING WITHOUT ANY INSPECTION TO ASSURE THEY LIVE TO ANY BARGAIN.

"THEY WOULD LIKE FOR THIS TO CONTINUE INDEFINITELY," ANDERSON SAID. "SOME OF US DO NOT AGREE."

"I AM ONE OF THOSE," TOO," SAID SEN. BOURKE B. HICKENLOOPER, R-IOWA, A MEMBER OF BOTH THE JOINT COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

REP. JAMES E. VAN ZANDT, R-PA., TOLD A REPORTER THAT THE JOINT COMMITTEE, OF WHICH HE IS THE SENIOR REPUBLICAN HOUSE MEMBER, WILL "CONTINUE TO EXPLORE" THE ADMINISTRATION'S DISARMAMENT IDEAS AT A CLOSED SESSION TOMORROW.

VAN ZANDT VOICED PERSONAL BELIEF THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL PRESENT A "FIRM POSITION" AT GENEVA.

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(200) NIGHT LEAD PEACE CORPS
WASHINGTON, MARCH 7 (AP)-PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S NEW PEACE CORPS HEADQUARTERS, SWAMPED WITH MAIL, APPEALED TODAY:
PLEASE, IF YOU WRITE, PUT ON THE ENVELOPE "APPLICATION REQUESTED" IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT. IF YOU WANT JUST MORE INFORMATION, YOU COULD PUT THAT ON THE ENVELOPE.
THE ADDRESS IS PEACE CORPS, WASHINGTON 25, D.C.
ONE WORKER SAID THERE MUST BE 15,000 LETTERS AT HEADQUARTERS, INCLUDING SOME 6,000 THAT ALREADY HAD ARRIVED BEFORE KENNEDY FORMALLY LAUNCHED THE PROJECT LAST WEEK. SOME OF THE WORKERS HAVE STAYED UP UNTIL 2:30 A.M. JUST OPENING LETTERS.
APPLICATION BLANKS ARE EXPECTED TO BE READY IN A FEW WEEKS FOR THOSE VOLUNTEERS WHO WANT TO GO OVERSEAS AND LEND THEIR SKILLS WHERE THEY ARE NEEDED AND WANTED.
R. SARGENT SHRIVER, CORPS DIRECTOR, SAID YESTERDAY SOME 10 OR 12 FOREIGN NATIONS HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE PROGRAM.
THE CORPS' PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER, EDWIN BAYLEY, TODAY DENIED A CHARGE BY REP. WILLIAM S. BROOMFIELD, R-MICH., THAT APPLICANTS FOR THE CORPS WERE BEING REQUIRED TO GET POLITICAL CLEARANCE FROM

LOCAL DEMOCRATIC LEADERS.
"WE HERE AT HEADQUARTERS CERTAINLY HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF THAT,"
BAYLEY SAID. "I HAVE INTERVIEWED MANY PEOPLE FOR JOBS AND I HAVE NEVER
EVEN ASKED THEM WHAT PARTY THEY BELONG TO."
HE ADDED THAT MOST PEOPLE IN EXECUTIVE LEVEL IN THE CORPS ARE
LIKELY TO BE DEMOCRATS BECAUSE SHRIVER IS A DEMOCRAT AND "MOVES IN
DEMOCRATIC CIRCLES."
BUT BAYLEY SAID "THERE CERTAINLY WILL BE NO POLITICAL TEST APPLIED
ANY YOUNG PERSONS WHO WANTS TO WORK IN THE PEACE CORPS."
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OPTIONAL NIGHT LEAD PEACE CORPS (280)
WASHINGTON, MARCH 7 (AP)-REP. FRANCES P. BOLTON, R-OHIO, DESCRIBED
THE NEW PEACE CORPS AS "A TERRIFYING THING" TODAY AND DREW APPLAUSE
FROM THE REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.
MRS. BOLTON URGED DELEGATES TO WRITE TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND HIS
BROTHER-IN-LAW, R. SARGENT SHRIVER, DIRECTOR OF THE CORPS.
"THEY MUST LISTEN TO THE OPINION BACK HOME," SHE SAID.
ASKED WHY SHE THOUGHT THE CORPS WAS TERRIFYING, MRS. BOLTON TOLD
NEWSMEN:
"BECAUSE THEY ARE GOING AT IT TOO FAST."
SHE SAID YOUNG PEOPLE AND EVEN MIDDLE-AGED ONES "WILL GO OVER
WITHOUT ANY TRAINING, WITHOUT ANY UNDERSTANDING OF THE PLACE THEY
ARE GOING AND WITHOUT ANY CERTAIN KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT THEY ARE TO DO."
MRS. BOLTON SAID IT WOULD TAKE A FULL YEAR TO TRAIN MEMBERS OF
THE CORPS PROPERLY AND, IF WE DO THE JOB BADLY, "WE WILL WRECK THE
WHOLE WORLD."
"I'M REALLY SCARED OF WHAT THIS MIGHT BE," SHE SAID, "AND I
DON'T KNOW SHRIVER."
MEANWHILE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CORPS REPLIED TO CRITICISM FROM
ANOTHER SOURCE, REP. WILLIAM S. BROOMFIELD, R-MICH.
BROOMFIELD HAD SAID APPLICANTS FOR PEACE CORPS JOBS WERE BEING
REQUIRED TO GET CLEARANCE FROM THEIR LOCAL DEMOCRATIC LEADERS.
"THIS DEFINITELY IS NOT THE CASE," REPLIED EDWIN BAYLEY, AN
INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE CORPS. "POLITICAL AFFILIATION IS NOT
A TEST FOR PEACE CORPS EMPLOYMENT."
"I MYSELF HAVE INTERVIEWED MANY PEOPLE FOR JOBS," HE CONTINUED,
"AND I HAVE NEVER EVEN ASKED THEM WHAT PARTY THEY BELONG TO."
BAYLEY ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT SINCE SHRIVER "MOVES IN DEMOCRATIC
CIRCLES" MOST OF THE PEOPLE IN EXECUTIVE POSITIONS IN THE CORPS WERE
LIKELY TO BE DEMOCRATS.
BUT BAYLEY NOTED THAT SHRIVER'S EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT WAS BRADLEY
H. PATTERSON JR., FORMER ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE CABINET
OF FORMER PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER.
PEACE CORPS HEADQUARTERS, SWAMPED WITH MAIL, MADE THIS APPEAL
TODAY:
PLEASE, IF YOU XXX, 2ND GRAF ASOWX (DELETING LAST FOUR GRAFS:
"THE CORPS' PUBLIC XXX THE PEACE CORPS."
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(190) FIRST LEAD PEACE CORPS-BROOMFIELD (B18) 3027
ASSOCIATED PRESS SPECIAL SERVICE
WASHINGTON, MARCH 7 (AP)-A PEACE CORPS SPOKESMAN TODAY DENIED A MICH-
IGAN CONGRESSMAN'S ALLEGATION THAT THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION IS CONSID-
ERING ONLY "GOOD DEMOCRATS" FOR POSITIONS IN THE CORPS.
EDWIN BAYLEY, A CORPS INFORMATION OFFICER, SAID: "THAT DEFINITE-
LY IS NOT THE CASE. POLITICAL AFFILIATION IS NOT A TEST FOR PEACE
CORPS EMPLOYMENT."

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REP. WILLIAM S. BROOMFIELD, R-MICH., SAID EARLIER IN THE DAY THAT
APPLICANTS TO PEACE CORPS JOBS WERE BEING REQUIRED TO GET A POLITI-
CAL CLEARANCE FROM LOCAL DEMOCRATIC LEADERS.
"WE HERE AT HEADQUARTERS CERTAINLY HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF THAT,"
BAYLEY SAID. "I MYSELF HAVE INTERVIEWED MANY PEOPLE FOR JOBS AND I HAVE
NEVER EVEN ASKED THEM WHAT PARTY THEY BELONG TO."
HE SAID MOST PERSONS IN EXECUTIVE POSITIONS IN THE CORPS ARE LIKELY
TO BE DEMOCRATS BECAUSE SARGENT SHRIVER, THE KENNEDY AIDE IN CHARGE OF
FORMING THE CORPS, IS A DEMOCRATIC LEADER WHO, AS BAYLEY PUT IT,
"MOVES IN DEMOCRATIC CIRCLES."
BAYLEY NOTED THAT SHRIVER'S EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT IN FORMING THE
PEACE CORPS IS BRADLEY H. PATTERSON JR., FORMER ASSISTANT TO THE
SECRETARY OF PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S CABINET.
"THERE CERTAINLY WILL BE NO POLITICAL TEST APPLIED TO ANY YOUNG
PERSON WHO WANTS TO WORK IN THE PEACE CORPS," BAYLEY ADDED.
BROOMFIELD HAD TOLD A REPORTER THAT ANY SUCH REQUIREMENT "WOULD SERI-
OUSLY ENDANGER THE FUTURE OF THE PEACE CORPS FOR WHICH REPUBLICANS AS
WELL AS DEMOCRATS HAVE HAD HIGH HOPES."

IN A LETTER TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY PROTESTING ANY REQUIREMENT FOR
POLITICAL CLEARANCE, BROOMFIELD SAID "THIS IS CARRYING TANHANY HALL
POLITICS INTO THE FOREIGN POLICY FIELD."
HE SAID THAT IN EFFECT "THE PEACE CORPS IS BEING TURNED INTO A WAR
CORPS AGAINST THE REPUBLICAN PARTY."
BROOMFIELD SAID HE HAD LEARNED FROM AN APPLICANT FOR A PEACE CORPS
POSITION THAT APPLICANTS "ARE BEING ASKED TO SUBMIT LETTERS FROM
LEADING DEMOCRATS IN THEIR HOME AREAS AND THEY ARE BEING ADVISED THAT
THEY MUST HAVE POLITICAL CLEARANCE BEFORE THEY WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR
THESE POSITIONS."
HE SAID HE DID NOT WANT TO IDENTIFY THE INFORMANT.
BROOMFIELD SAID HE PLANNED TO INTRODUCE A BILL WHICH WOULD FORBID
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PEACE CORPS APPLICANTS BECAUSE OF "RACE, COLOR,
CREED OR POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS."
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FRANKFURT, GERMANY, MARCH 7 (AP)-INDIAN PRIME MINISTER NEHRU TODAY
VOICED FULL SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S PROPOSED PEACE CORPS TO HELP
UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES.
"I AM SUPPORTING ALL PEACEFUL INTENTIONS WHOLEHEARTEDLY," NEHRU SAID
DURING A BRIEF STOPOVER EN ROUTE TO THE COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE IN
LONDON.
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B44 (Q)

-- ALL POINTS --
BY PRESTON GROVER
TALLIN, ESTONIA, MARCH 7 (AP)-TWO CZECHOSLOVAK JEWISH WOMEN
TESTIFIED TODAY THEY WERE BEATEN AND ROBBED BY ESTONIAN POLICE WHILE
THEIR PARENTS WERE BEING PUT TO DEATH NOT FAR AWAY IN AN
EXTERMINATION CAMP.
EVA MEISNEROVA, 35, AND MARKITA MASHEVA, 40, TESTIFIED AT THE TRIAL
OF THREE ESTONIANS ACCUSED OF MURDERING 125,000 EAST EUROPEANS,
MOST OF THEM JEWS, UNDER NAZI OCCUPATION.
TWO OF THE DEFENDANTS. RAIF CERRETS AND JAN VIJK, PLEADED

GUILTY AT THE START OF THE TRIAL. THE THIRD MAN, AIN ERWIN MERE, ESCAPED TO BRITAIN AFTER WORLD WAR II AND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT REFUSED A SOVIET EXTRADITION REQUEST. HE IS BEING TRIED IN ABSENTIA.

BOTH WOMEN SAID THEY WERE BEATEN WITH A WHIP AND MRS. HASHEVA ALSO TESTIFIED SHE WAS KEPT THREE DAYS IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT WITHOUT FOOD OR WATER.

SHE SAID SHE RECEIVED THE PUNISHMENT FOR TRYING TO SMUGGLE FOOD TO ANOTHER GIRL ALREADY IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT AT THE JAGALA EXTERMINATION CAMP.

BOTH GERRETS AND VIJK WERE PERMITTED TO QUESTION THE WOMEN UNDER SOVIET COURT PROCEDURE. NEITHER COULD SHAKE THE WITNESSES' TESTIMONY THAT THEY WERE PART OF A TRAINLOAD OF 1,150 JEWS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA, OF WHOM ALL BUT 250 WERE TAKEN OUT ON ARRIVAL AND SHOT WITHIN HEARING DISTANCE OF YOUNGER PRISONERS WHO HAD BEEN MOVED TO WORK CAMPS.

THROUGHOUT THE DAY THE COURT DEVELOPED EVIDENCE THAT MERE WAS PRESENT AT THE CAMP BUT NONE OF THE TESTIMONY SO FAR HAS ESTABLISHED THAT HE PERSONALLY SHOT ANY PRISONERS.

HOWEVER, SOME MEMBERS OF THE ESTONIAN SECURITY POLICE WHO ALREADY HAVE BEEN IMPRISONED TESTIFIED HE WAS CHIEF OF THE SECURITY POLICE AT THE TIME AND RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SHOOTINGS.

MEISNEROVA SAID SHE AND OTHER WOMEN PRISONERS WERE ORDERED TO UNDRESS ON ARRIVAL AT THE EXTERMINATION CAMP WHILE THEY WERE BEING EXAMINED BY GERRETS AND LT. ALEXANDER LAAK, WHO LAST YEAR COMMITTED SUICIDE IN WINNIPEG.

ALL THEIR POSSESSIONS WERE TAKEN EXCEPT LIGHT CLOTHING ALTHOUGH IT WAS APPROACHING WINTER, SHE SAID.

MRS. MEISNEROVA SAID ESTONIAN WORKERS WERE KIND TO THEM AND SOMETIMES GAVE THEM FOOD. SHE WAS BEATEN BECAUSE SHE REFUSED TO SAY WHO GAVE HER A PIECE OF BACON.

"I WAS TAKEN INTO A CELL IN PRISON IN TALLIN WHERE I FOUND MERE, BERGMAN, (A GERMAN OFFICER) AND AN ESTONIAN GIRL PRISONER. THE GIRL WAS ORDERED TO BEAT ME BUT AFTER 25 STROKES BERGMAN SEIZED THE WHIP BECAUSE SHE WAS NOT HITTING HARD ENOUGH. BERGMAN KNEW HOW TO HIT AGAIN AND AGAIN ON RAW PLACES.

"WE WERE BEATEN SO BADLY," SHE SAID. "THAT WHEN WE GOT UP IN THE MORNING, OUR CLOTHES WERE COVERED WITH BLOOD."

THE TESTIMONY OF FOUR OTHER CZECHOSLOVAK JEWISH WOMEN WAS MUCH THE SAME AS THE FIRST TWO, STRESSING WHAT TOOK PLACE AFTER THEIR TRAIN ARRIVED FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

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A90 (120)

MILLEDGEVILLE, GA., MARCH 7 (AP)-THE WIFE OF U2 PILOT FRANCIS GARY POWERS SAYS HER HUSBAND WROTE HER HE WAS HAPPY AND PROUD THAT TWO AMERICAN RB47 FLIERS WERE RECENTLY FREED FROM A MOSCOW PRISON.

"BUT HE FELT LEFT OUT BECAUSE HE WASN'T INCLUDED," MRS. POWERS ADDED. "AND HE HASN'T LOST HOPE."

"WE BOTH REALIZE, THOUGH, THAT HIS SITUATION IS ENTIRELY DIFFERENT," SHE SAID. "MY HUSBAND WAS TRIED AND SENTENCED AND THE RB47 PILOTS WERE NEVER TRIED BY THE SOVIET UNION."

MRS. POWERS REFERRED TO AIR FORCE CAPTS. JOHN MCKONE AND FREEMAN OLMSTEAD, RELEASED JAN. 25 AFTER NEARLY SEVEN MONTHS OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT. THEY WERE THE ONLY KNOWN SURVIVORS OF THE PLANE'S SIX-MAN CREW, SHOT DOWN OVER THE BARENTS SEA NEAR THE RUSSIAN BORDER LAST JULY.

POWERS, 31, WAS TRIED AS A SPY UNDER SOVIET LAW AND SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS AFTER HIS PLANE WAS FORCED DOWN DEEP IN SOVIET TERRITORY LAST MAY.

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